

SENATE BILL 1856

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to medical treatment
and diagnostic tests.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-602(a), is amended by deleting the language at the beginning of the subsection which reads as follows:

Physician investment in health care can provide important benefits for patient care.

However, when

And by substituting instead the language "When".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 6, is amended by creating a new section as follows:

Section _____. A physician that owns or has an ownership interest in diagnostic equipment, including those that are located in the physician's own office shall disclose the ownership interest to the patient and provide the patient with a list of effective alternatives so that the patient may choose to have such test or procedure at another location.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.